# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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CONNECTION THROUGH NON- EXCHANGE LINE
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

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(a) whether the Government proposes to connect horizontal offices through Non-Exchange Line (NEL) in Districts and Taluks (Tehsils) which can also be extended to the villages in the country, particularly in the State of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) and (b): National Informatics Centre (NIC) has set up NICNET connecting various Government offices upto district level only including horizontal connectivity within the districts Headquarters. NICNET is operational in 602 districts of the country including Gujarat providing support to various e- Governance projects.